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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2009.

Please amend the application as indicated in detail below.